

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable garment for the adsorption and containment of urine or other body exudates, the disposable garment comprising:
 - a. a liquid impervious backing sheet;
 - b. a liquid pervious, nonwoven fabric laminate that comprises a thin layer of fine fibers having an average diameter of up to about 8 microns; and
 - c. an absorbent material disposed between the liquid pervious nonwoven fabric laminate and the liquid impervious backing sheet, the absorbent material comprising absorbent particles; andwherein the thin layer of fine fibers has a basis weight of less than 1.5 grams per square meter, and an average pore size in the layer of fine fibers that is less than the average diameter of the absorbent particles.
2. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the layer of fine fibers consist essentially of meltblown fibers.
3. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 2 wherein the nonwoven fabric laminate comprises at least one spunbond layer and the thin layer of fine fibers consists essentially of a layer of meltblown fibers.
4. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 3 wherein the thin layer of fine fibers consists essentially of a layer of meltblown fibers and the nonwoven fabric laminate consists essentially of the thin layer of fine fibers disposed between two spunbond layers.
5. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the nonwoven fabric laminate is a liquid pervious bodyslide liner or a layer between the absorbent material and a liquid pervious bodyslide liner.

6. (Canceled)
7. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the nonwoven fabric laminate is a layer between the absorbent material and a liquid pervious bodyside liner.
8. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 3 wherein the absorbent material comprises particles selected from the groups consisting of superabsorbent particles, synthetic polymer particles, carbon particles and combinations thereof.
9. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the thin layer of fine fibers consists of a layer of fibers that has a basis weight of less than 1 gram per square meter.
10. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the thin layer of fine fibers consists of a layer of fibers that has a basis weight of less than about 0.8 gram per square meter.
11. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the thin layer of fine fibers consists of a layer of fibers that has a basis weight of less than 0.5 gram per square meter.
12. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the thin layer of fine fibers consists of a layer of fibers that has a basis weight of less than about 0.3 gram per square meter.
13. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 further comprising particles of a superabsorbent material dispersed in the absorbent material.

14. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 1 wherein the nonwoven fabric laminate further comprises a later of bonded carded fibers.

15. (Currently Amended) The disposable garment of Claim 4 3 wherein the at least one spunbond fibers layer comprise fibers made from a polymer selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, vinyl alcohol, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven fabric laminate consisting essentially of:

- a. a first layer of spunbonded fibers,
- b. a second layer of spunbonded fibers,
- c. a layer of meltblown fibers disposed between the first layer of spunbonded fibers and the second layer of spunbonded fibers, wherein the layer of meltblown fibers has a basis weight of ranges from 0.06 grams per square meter to about 1 gram per square meter and the pore sizes of the layer of meltblown fibers are less than about 25 microns; and
wherein the nonwoven fabric laminate has a SAM retention level of greater than 95 percent using the SAM Shake Test.

17. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the basis weight of the layer of meltblown fibers is less than about 0.8 grams per square meter.

18. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the basis weight of the layer of meltblown fibers is less than about 0.5 grams per square meter.

19. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the basis weight of the layer of meltblown fibers is less than about 0.3 grams per square meter.

20. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the layer of meltblown fibers consists of fibers having an average diameter of from about 1 micron to about 10 microns.

21. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the meltblown fibers have an average diameter in the range of up to about 8 microns and the spunbonded fibers have an average diameter in the range of from about 8 microns to about 30 microns.

22. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 wherein the first spunbonded layer, the meltblown layer and the second spunbonded layer are intermittently bonded to form the nonwoven fabric laminate.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 16 having a SAM retention level of greater than 98 percent using the SAM Shake Test.